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SUBJECT: NATO WAR HEADQUARTERS PROTECTIVE DESIGN MEETING

DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY FOR LT GEN JOHNSON

1. THE NATO CONTROLLER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE HAS ASKED US TO PASS
THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO YOU:

MR. PETER E. GURVIN, NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF, ATTENDED A MEETING
IN JUNE AT THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY, WASHINGTON, D. C., IN
CONNECTION WITH A REVIEW OF THE PROTECTIVE DESIGN STUDY FOR THE
SHAPE WHQ, E.E. PROJECT 85.

AT THIS MEETING, MR. GURVIN APPROACHED DR. SEVIN OF THE DEFENSE
NUCLEAR AGENCY AND MR. FLATHAU OF THE US ARMY WATERWAYS
EXPERIMENTAL STATION WITH REGARD TO THEIR INTEREST IN COMING TO
NATO TO DISCUSS WITH NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF DENMARK AND GERMANY
THE WEAPONS' EFFECTS FROM THE STATED SHAPE THREAT AND STRUCTURAL
DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS AS RELATED TO THE BALTAP AND NORTHAG/2ATAF
WHQ CONCEPTS. THE US REPRESENTATIVES STATED THAT THEY WOULD
RESPOND FAVOURABLY TO A REQUEST FOR THIS TYPE OF DIALOGUE.

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THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF FEEL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE
FINAL DESIGNS FOR THE THREE REMAINING NATO WHQS (BALTAP, SHAPE,
NORTHAG/2ATAF) ARE BASED ON THE SAME ASSUMPTION AND INTERPRETATIONS
AS RELATED TO THE WEAPONS' EFFECTS. SINCE IN THE CASE OF ALL THREE

WHQS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TYPE QUOTE B UNQUOTE ESTIMATE/FINAL DESIGN WITH REGARD TO THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN IS BASED IN PART ON US INFORMATION, A MEETING AT NATO WITH US EXPERTSAND THE NATIONAL EXPERTS OF DENMARK AND GERMANY WOULD OFFER A FORUM TO DISCUSS THE WEAPONS' EFFECTS AND STRUCTURAL DESIGN IN DETAIL.

THIS MEETING COULD TENTATIVELY BE SCHEDULED FOR TWO DAYS BETWEEN 25-29 AUGUST, OR AFTER 14 SEPTEMBER AT NATO HQ, BRUSSELS. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REPLY TO THE ABOVE REQUEST AND IF AFFIRMATIVE, THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WOULD FURNISH FURTHER DETAILS WITH REGARD TO THE BALTA AND NORTHAG/2ATAF WHQS AS WELL AS A TENTATIVE AGENDA. EN OF QUOTE.

2. PLEASE SUPPLY US WITH REPLY FOR RELAY TO THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

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